(SRI C. V. VENKATARAYAPPA)

(*b*) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the Government General Hospital at Chickballapur has no equipments for conducting general and maternity operations and that there are no dental equipments though specialists have already been posted there ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Minister for Health).—

(*a*) Only one indent for Medicines and equipments of the value of Rs. 17,216.92 had been received from the Medical Officer, Chickballapur for the year 1970-71 and supplies were also made accordingly though the supply made was in excess of the budget provision by Rs. 2,216-92.

One Annual and three extra indents were received from the Medical Officer, General Hospital, Chickballapur for the year 1971-72 and supplies were made to the tune of Rs. 15,134.87 which was also in excess of the Budget allotment of Rs. 15,000 by Rs. 134·87.

(*b*) Yes, this is because of non-completion of the additional building, which cannot be taken up since the Town Municipal Council and Taluk Development Board, Chickballapur have not contributed their share of Rs. 1,20,000.

The matter is however being pursued with the Local Bodies.

As regards the dental equipments and instruments the same have been supplied for the year 1971-72.

Upgrading of Government Hospital at Hospet

181. Sri B. SATHYANARAYANA SINGH (Hospet).—

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether the Government is aware that the Government Hospital at Hospet in Bellary District has not been upgraded during the last 30 years even though the population of the city has trebbled during this period ;

(*b*) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that large scale mining activities are going on around Hospet City ;

(*c*) whether the Government has any proposal before it to upgrade the said hospital into 100 bed hospital taking into consideration the increase in population due to the proposed Vijayanagar Steel Plant near Hospet ;

(*d*) if so, whether plans and estimates have been prepared to upgrade the present Government Hospital into 100 bed Hospital ;

(*e*) if so, whether Government would start the construction work of the Hospital immediately ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Minister for Health).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Yes. The Chief Engineer (C and B) has been requested to countersign the Plans and Estimates.

(*e*) This will be considered after the plans and estimtes are received

Calling Attention to Matters of Urgent Public Importance

(*i*) *re* : Increase in fees by the Private Colleges in the State

Sri B. B. SAYANAK (Belgaum).—I call the attention of the Minister for Education to the increase in fees by Private Colleges in the State.

Sri A. R. BADARINARAYANA (Minister for Education).—Sir, As per the Notification No. P2 OHD. 66, dated 30th May 1966 of the Bangalore University and letter No. B2 67-68 dated 3rd February 1972 of the University of Mysore, the private aided colleges affiliated to these two Universities are eligible to charge tuition fee at rates not exceeding twice the standard rates of fee charged in Government Colleges. The Karnatak University had *vide* its Circular No. 332/111/ ACA/65/66/6462, dated 10th March 1966 fixed the scales of tuition fee in the aided colleges affiliated to that University as follows till end of the year 1971-72 :

Pre-University Course and Degree Classes in Arts and Science Rs. 144 per annum.

Pre-University course and Degree classes in Commerce Rs. 166 per annum.

2 Commencing from the academic year 1972–73, the Karnatak University has also permitted the affiliated aided colleges to charge tuition fee at rates not exceeding double the standard rate of fees fixed by Government *vide* Circular No. 332/111/ACA/72–73/3301, dated 4th February 1972 of the Karnatak University.

3. As the three universities are empowered to fix the rates of fees leviable in the affiliated colleges, the question of Government according any consent in this behalf does not arise. However, as can be seen from the above, an upper ceiling has been prescribed for all private colleges throughout the State (which is twice the fee leviable in the Government Colleges).